DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-65-96

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS



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[] Clarification Requested by	
One or More Counties	
[X] Initiated by CDSS	

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) STATE PLAN

REFERENCE: ACIN I-54-96

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has approved California's initial Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan. As you know, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) submitted an initial State Plan to the DHHS on October 9, 1996, to begin receipt of additional federal funding under the TANF Block Grant. The Block Grant legislation stipulated that the states provide the public a 45-day period in which to submit comments on the plan. The 45-day comment period expired on November 25, 1996, and Governor Wilson submitted a certification to DHHS that California complied with the comment period requirement.

The Governor's certification was the final step in the State Plan process and DHHS has confirmed that California's TANF State Plan is "complete". Consequently, effective November 26, 1996, California is operating its welfare program under the TANF Block Grant legislation.

At this time the current financial systems for claiming and reimbursement of expenditures are not impacted by the completion and approval of our initial TANF State Plan. Counties will be informed under separate cover as changes become necessary.

Any questions concerning the provisions of the TANF State Plan should be directed to Joe Einhoff at (916)-654-1867, CALNET 454-1867. Questions regarding claiming instructions should be directed to your county analyst in the Fiscal Policy Bureau.

Sincerely,

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